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SUBJ: SEVENTH SESSION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION
COMMITTEE OF IMCO

1. SEVENTH SESSION OF MEPC HELD 20-24 JUNE 1977
WITH 44 COUNTRIES IN ATTENDANCE. ALL AGENDA ITEMS
COMPLETED SATISFACTORILY WITH FURTHER ACTION
CONTEMPLATED FOR EIGHTH SESSION ON SEVERAL TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS. MEPC UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN
JOINT MSC/MEPC PREPARATIONS FOR FEBRUARY CONFERENCE
ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION (TSPP).
AGENDA ITEMS 5 (SEGREGATED BALLAST IN EXISTING
TANKERS) AND 17 (TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION
PREVENTION) REFERRED TO THE SECOND MEETING OF
INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON TSPP HELD CONCURRENTLY
WITH THIS SESSION AND REPORTED BY SEPARATE CABLE.

2. ON AGENDA ITEM 8, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, SEVERAL
STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE
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NEED FOR TRAINING AND ADVICE ON MARINE POLLUTION
CONTROL, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION SUPPORTED THE
VIEWS EXPRESSED AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN IMCO AND UNEP.
AFTER EXPLAINING THAT WHILE IMCO WAS NOT BY ITS
CHARTER AN AID FUNDING AGENCY, IMCO HAD STRETCHED ITS
CHARTER TO PROVIDE HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT FOR TECHNICAL

COOPERATION. THE US DELEGATION MADE A STRONG APPEAL TO UNEP TO FIND 2 OR 3 MORE TECHNICAL ADVISERS FOR IMCO TO USE IN TRAINING AND ADVISING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN SELECT REGIONAL AREAS.

3. SEVERAL COMMENTS AND NOTES RECEIVED REGARDING SERIOUS LACK OF ADEQUATE RECEPTION FACILITIES IN PARTS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES INCLUDING U.S. WITH ENTRY INTO FORCE OF 1969 AMENDMENTS TO 1954 OP CONVENTION THIS CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE TO BE SERIOUS SHORTCOMING WHICH MAY LEAD TO CONTRAVENTIONS OF CONVENTION AS AMENDED. COMMITTEE DEVELOPED FORM FOR USE OF MASTERS IN REPORTING INADEQUACIES TO IMCO. U.S. REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM COMMENTERS ON INADEQUACIES IN U.S. PORTS.

4. MUCH ATTENTION IN PLENARY SESSION DIRECTED AT EARLY ACCEPTANCE OF 1973 MP CONVENTION. PLANNING SESSION TO MEET DURING 3RD SESSION TSPP WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION TECHNICAL WORK NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTION PROVISIONS.

5. WORK BY AD HOC WGS ON GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR SEWAGE AND GARBAGE AND ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING MANUAL NOT COMPLETED THIS SESSION. WG ON UNCLASSIFIED

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OIL WATER SEPARATORS TO CONTINUE DURING EIGHTH SESSION ON MECHANISM FOR AN APPROVAL OF EXISTING DEVICES.

6. EIGHTH SESSION TO BE HELD 5-9 DECEMBER 1977, WITH JOINT MSC/MEPC MEETING ON TSPP AGREED FOR 10-25 OCTOBER.

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